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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 13th October 1960

SUBJECT:—Import of goods by sailing vessels.

No. 124-ITC(PN)/60.—Attention is invited to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry Public Notice No. 107-ITC(PN)/60, dated the 1st September, 1960 whereby the concession relating to import of certain goods from some specified countries by sailing vessels without import trade control licences was extended upto 30th September, 1960.

2. The position has since been reviewed and it has been decided to extend this concession from the 1st October 1960 upto the 31st December, 1960.

SUBJECT:—*Import of Hides and Skins raw for salted falling under S. No. 144/IV from Afghanistan.*

No. 125-ITC(PN)/60.—Attention is invited to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry Public Notice No. 44-ITC(PN)/60, dated the 12th April, 1960 wherein it was notified that permits for import of Hides & Skins from Afghanistan would be granted freely both to Established Importers and New Comers. Permits granted in terms of the said Public Notice were valid to cover despatches of goods from Afghanistan upto 30th June 1960.

2. It has now been decided to adopt the same liberal licensing policy in respect of import of Hides & Skins from Afghanistan upto 31st March 1961. Importers of this item from Afghanistan may, therefore, apply for permits to the Joint Chief Controller of Imports & Exports, Bombay/Deputy Chief Controller of Imports & Exports (Central Licensing Area), New Delhi upto 28th February 1961.

3. Permits granted in terms of this Public Notice will be valid to cover the despatches of goods from Afghanistan upto 31st March, 1961 and subject to the same terms and conditions as laid down in Public Notice No. 6-ITC(PN)/60, dated the 12th January 1960.

SUBJECT:—*Import of (i) "Fruits" all sorts, excluding coconuts and cashewnuts, fresh, dried, salted or preserved, n.o.s. and excluding dates (S. No. 21-(a)/IV), (ii) Asafoetida (S. No. 31/V), (iii) Cumin seeds and (iv) Medicinal herbs from Afghanistan.*

No. 126-ITC(PN)/60.—Attention of importers is invited to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry Public Notice No. 100-ITC(PN)/60, dated 1st August 1960, No. 104-ITC(PN)/60, dated 19th August 1960, and No. 110-ITC(PN)/60, dated 21st September 1960 according to which import of fruits (dried and fresh) falling under S. No. 21(a)/IV, was permitted through approved importers on ad hoc basis.

2. With a view to maintaining the traditional pattern of trade between India and Afghanistan, the position has been reviewed and, in terms of the arrangements recently agreed to between the two countries, it has been decided to permit for the Trade Agreement period 21st July 1960 to 20th July 1961 imports of fruits (dried and fresh) falling under S. No. 21(a)/IV, Asafoetida falling under S. No. 31/V, Cumin seeds falling under 37/IV and medicinal herbs (as per list appended) from Afghanistan on an *ad hoc* basis through approved importers which category will include those who have participated in the Indo-Afghan trade in these commodities during the four years ending the 30th June 1956 and who have already been registered as "approved importers". Those approved importers, whose names have been de-registered, will not be eligible for any permits.

3. Applications, in the prescribed form, for the import of fruits (dried and fresh), asafoetida, cumin seeds and medicinal herbs from the approved importers will be considered as and when received and permits will be issued on an *ad hoc* basis. The applications should be supported by evidence of contracts made with the exporters in Afghanistan, showing the names of the exporters in Afghanistan and the quantity and price at which the contract has been made. The evidence of despatch of goods from Afghanistan, such as, transit certificates granted by the Afghan authorities and Railway Receipts etc., should also accompany the applications.

4. It should be noted that imports will be allowed within a limited monetary ceiling and in no case imports in excess of the ceiling will be allowed. In order that the trade may move smoothly and that there is no congestion of goods and no dislocation of transportation facilities, importers are advised in their own interest to arrange for the imports of items covered by this Public Notice in an orderly way and not to rush to import heavy quantities at the same time. Importers are also advised that quantities of goods imported by them should have a reasonable co-relation with the export performance during the current Trade Agreement period. If it is noticed that there is a rush to import heavy amount of goods by some parties without correspondingly proportionate exports to their credit, issue of Custom Clearance Permits may be suspended to such parties by the Licensing Authorities.

5. Imports will be effected by the approved importers subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) Payment for fruits (dried and fresh), asafoetida, cumin seeds and medicinal herbs will be made by Importers either in accordance with E.P. and E.P.I. procedures prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India or to the special Rupee Account opened by the Afghanistan Government with the State Bank of India.
- (b) The importer, while applying for Custom Clearance Permits would be required to give an undertaking for effecting exports to counter-balance imports. If exports equal to the value of imports are not made by 20th September, 1961 or within eight months from the date of importation, whichever is earlier, he would be required to deposit within a period of one month in the Special Rupee Account an amount equal to the value by which the exports from India fall short of imports from Afghanistan. Should the importer fail to comply with this requirement or should his exports in the Trade Agreement period ending 20th July 1961 fall short of 75% of the value of his imports from Afghanistan, he should be de-registered from the list of approved importers;
- (c) A monthly report of the goods imported shall be submitted to the licensing authority concerned;
- (d) A similar monthly report of the goods exported under E.P. or E.P.I. arrangements shall also be furnished to the concerned licensing authority; and
- (e) Each approved importer will be required to give separately a bond on stamped paper in the prescribed form for effecting exports to counter-balance imports as required by the licensing authority and will be given a pass book in which the account of his import/export performance will be maintained.

List of 'Medicinal Herbs' which can be imported from Afghanistan into India

ENGLISH	VERNACULAR EQUIVALENTS
1. Hysop	Zoofa
2. Rose Flower (dried)	Gule Golab
3. Bugloss (Borage)	Gule Gawzaban
4. Quince seed	Bch-Danna
5. White and red Behmen (urdu)	Behman Safid wa Sorkh
6. Jujube	Onaab
7. Ratanjot (Hindi)	Yarlang
8. Mannaa	Turanjabeen
9. Dorconcum	Darawenj
10. Manra (taken from Atraphaxis Spinosa)	Sheer-Khesht
11. Liquorice (Mulathi)	Shireen Bola
12. Wild Carrot	Shakakul

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